

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This is a continuation of copending U.S. Application Serial
Number 09/053,260 filed on April 1, 1998^{AM U.S. PAT. NO. 6,163,780} which claims the
benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No.
60/060,633, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONCENTRATING SOFTWARE
CODE, filed on October 1, 1997. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please amend Claim 22 as follows:

22. (Once Amended) A method of resolving [interpreting
executable] condensed computer code having a plurality of types
of code structures, each of the types of code structures
including a plurality of index references, the method comprising
the steps of:

reading a list of identifiers for each type of code
structure, each list including an index reference corresponding
to each of the identifiers in the list; and

replacing each of the index references in the computer
code with the respective identifier corresponding to each
respective index reference.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to continue the
examination of Claim 22 in the U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
09/053,260. Reconsideration of the claim as amended is
respectfully requested. Claim 22 is directed to resolving

computer code that was condensed. The claim is believed to be patentable over the prior art, and a favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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